

the top sheet includes fine convex portions of the particulate ~~material~~
materials partially exposed on a body facing surface of the top sheet and
a plurality of protrusions extending from the body facing surface, and a
height of each protrusion from the body facing surface is larger than that
of each fine convex portion therefrom, ~~and so that apexes of respective~~
~~protrusions extend toward a wearer's skin beyond apexes of said fine~~
~~convex portions to define contact points which contact the wearer's skin~~

a mean height of the protrusions from the surface of the top sheet is in
a range between 0.05 mm and 1.0 mm.

12. (Currently Amended) A top sheet including a number of perforations for
covering a liquid-receiving surface of an absorbent article, wherein;

the top sheet is formed of a thermoplastic resin containing a
~~particulate material~~ at least two differently sized particulate materials
having a mean particle size in a range of between 0.1 μ m and 30 μ m,
each mean particle differing in size by at least 9 μ m, and

the top sheet includes micropores formed around the particulate
~~material~~ materials, fine convex portions of the particulate ~~material~~
materials on a body facing surface of the top sheet, a plurality of
protrusions extending from the body facing surface, and a height of each
protrusion from the body facing surface is larger than that of each fine
convex portion therefrom, ~~and uppermost portions of respective~~
~~protrusions defining contact points only at locations where said top sheet~~
~~comes into contact with a wearer's skin~~

a mean height of the protrusions from the surface of the top sheet is in
a range between 0.05 mm and 1.0 mm.

13. (Currently amended) A top sheet including a number of perforations for
covering a liquid-receiving surface of an absorbent article, wherein;

the top sheet is formed of a thermoplastic resin containing a

each mean particle differing in size by at least 9 μm , and

the top sheet is provided with fine convex portions defined by exposing a part of the particulate ~~material~~ materials on a body facing surface of the top sheet and a plurality of protrusions extending from the body facing surface of said top sheet, said fine convex portions including first fine convex ~~portions~~ particles defined by exposing a part of a first particulate material having a first grain particle size and second fine convex ~~portions~~ particles defined by exposing a part of a second particulate material having a second grain particle size which is greater than said first grain particle size, and a height of each protrusion from the body facing surface is larger than that of each fine convex ~~portion~~ particle therefrom so that ~~apexes of respective protrusions extend toward a wearer's skin beyond apexes of said fine convex portions to define contact points which contact the wearer's skin, and~~

a mean height of the protrusions from the surface of the top sheet is in a range between 0.05 mm and 1.0 mm.

16. (Currently Amended) A top sheet including a number of perforations for covering a liquid-receiving surface of an absorbent article, wherein;

the top sheet is formed of a thermoplastic resin containing a ~~particulate material~~ at least two differently sized particulate materials having a mean particle size in a range of between 0.1 μm and 30 μm , each mean particle differing in size by at least 9 μm , and

the top sheet is provided with fine convex portions defined by exposing a part of the particulate ~~material~~ materials on a body facing surface of the top sheet, said fine convex portions including first fine convex ~~portions~~ particles defined by exposing a part of ~~first a~~ a first particulate material having a first grain particle size and second fine convex ~~portions~~ particles defined by exposing a part of a second particulate material having a second grain particle size greater than said

first ~~grain particle~~ size, said first fine convex ~~portions particles~~ and said second fine convex ~~portions particles~~ being formed by blending said first particulate material and said second particulate material in a ratio of 40:60.

17. (Currently Amended) A top sheet including a number of perforations for covering a liquid-receiving surface of an absorbent article, wherein;

the top sheet is formed of a thermoplastic resin containing a ~~particulate material~~ at least two differently sized particulate materials having a mean particle size in a range of between 0.1 μ m and 30 μ m, each mean particle differing in size by at least 9 μ m, and

the top sheet is provided with fine convex portions defined by exposing a part of the particulate ~~material~~ materials on a body facing surface of the top sheet and a plurality of protrusions extending from the body facing surface of said top sheet, said fine convex portions including first fine convex ~~portions particles~~ defined by exposing a part of a first particulate material having a first ~~grain particle~~ size and second fine convex ~~portions particles~~ defined by exposing a part of a second particulate material having a second ~~grain particle~~ size which is greater than said first ~~grain particle~~ size, said first fine convex ~~portions particles~~ and said second fine convex ~~portions particles~~ being formed by blending said first particulate material and said second particulate material in a ratio of 40:60, and a height of each protrusion from the body facing surface is larger than that of each fine convex portion therefrom ~~so that apexes of respective protrusions extend toward a wearer's skin beyond apexes of said fine convex portions to define contact points which contact the wearer's skin, and~~

a mean height of the protrusions from the surface of the top sheet is in a range between 0.05 mm and 1.0 mm.